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Violence is not an option in political disagreements

Rep. Bernard Schaber denounces bombing at Planned Parenthood Clinic

MADISON – Rep. Penny Bernard Schaber (D-Appleton) released the following statement regarding the bombing at Planned Parenthood:

"The bombing of Planned Parenthood's Appleton North Health Center is truly a tragedy for the state of Wisconsin. An act of violence is not free speech, and in fact restricts it. It is severely disappointing that people would resort to violence to express their political beliefs. Violence is not an option for disagreements and arguments on politics, policies, religion or anything else controversial. It is a sad day that violent acts have occurred as a result of the bitter partisanship, the inflammatory remarks and the divisiveness of politics in Wisconsin.

"It is good to know that no one was injured by the explosion and that staff and patients are all safe," said Rep. Bernard Schaber, "It is disheartening and concerning that people would use a bomb to show their disagreement with someone else."

"No matter how vehemently we may disagree on any policy, issue or election; violence is not the solution and simply creates a larger problem," said Representative Bernard Schaber. "I hope that this is not a sign of times to come in Wisconsin politics. Let's get back to Wisconsin traditions and values by having open, honest, and respectful debates on issues."

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